

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 135.11 and 135.131, the Department of Public Health hereby amends Chapter 3, “Early Hearing Detection and Intervention,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This chapter contains rules for the universal hearing screening of all newborns and infants in Iowa and the transfer of data to the Department to enhance the capacity of agencies and practitioners to provide services to children and their families. The goal of universal hearing screening of all newborns and infants in Iowa is early detection of hearing loss to allow children and their families the opportunity to obtain early intervention services. This chapter also includes rules to establish procedures for distribution of funds to support the purchase of hearing aids and audiologic services for children.

These amendments eliminate unnecessary dates, clarify language regarding reporting the child’s primary care provider to the Department, and clarify the roles and responsibilities of the hospital and audiologist or health care provider for reporting hearing screening or diagnostic assessment results for children under the age of three to the Department. The changes facilitate timely follow-up and avoid unnecessary contact with parents and providers, as well as help the Iowa Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program to monitor the quality of EHDI services and provide recommendations for improving care. These changes are supported by the Early Detection and Intervention Advisory Committee.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the July 15, 2009, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 7967B**. No comments were received on these amendments. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

These amendments were adopted by the State Board of Health on September 9, 2009.

These amendments will become effective on November 11, 2009.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 135.131 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 314, division II, and 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 811, division IV, section 60(2)“c.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [amendments to Ch 3] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 7967B**, IAB 7/15/09.

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